

**Amendments to the Claims**

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) An integrally molded carrier for carrying multiple containers by their necks, comprising a substantially planar web having multiple nodes defining multiple annular supports with each annular support having a flexible annular flange provided with a plurality of radial slots for releasably engaging the necks of the containers, wherein the centers of the annular supports are substantially aligned along a common axis, and a single generally U-shaped handle lying in the same plane as said web and flexibly attached to said web at two points on one edge of said web, said two points being ~~that are~~ substantially equidistant from the centers of said multiple annular supports.
2. (original) The carrier of claim 1 wherein said U-shaped handle is provided with flex points that are substantially aligned with said common axis.
3. (original) The carrier of claim 2 wherein said web has three nodes defining three annular supports.
4. (original) The carrier of claim 2 wherein said web has four nodes defining four annular supports.
5. (original) The carrier of claim 2 wherein said flexible annular flange is provided with radial ribs extending inwardly of said annular supports.
6. (original) The carrier of claim 5 wherein said flexible annular flange comprises a frusto-conical portion.